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For:	HCV REPLICONS CONTAINING NS5B FROM GENOTYPE 2B		

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants request that the present application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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